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Club News

Hi everyone. I hope you are all well. The international editorial team at Vignettes Global Headquarters "Vignettes Towers" have had a welcome break and, from all the feedback I've had from HR, glad to be back at the grindstone. There's plenty to talk about but I can see that Jean's summer meet ups have been a success albeit in rather warm conditions. Great for Golden and blue hours though.

Cirencester Historical Society

Paul's been in touch

Hi Martyn

Cirencester Historical Society are running the photo competition again this year around Historical Cirencester in the 21 Century. See details below. Please can I request that you put this in the next Vignettes to promote as I know a number of club members entered last year. I will be chairing the judging panel again this year, so some good promotion for the club at the awards event

Thanks

Paul

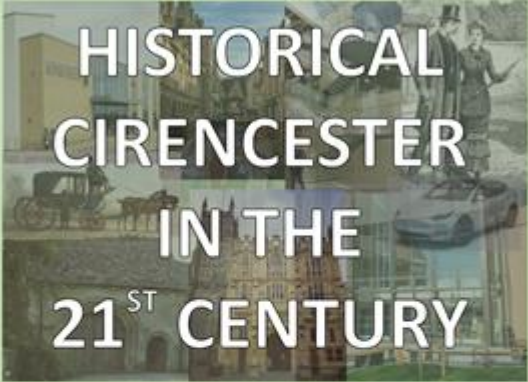
Hello Cirencester Camera Club

*Because you entered last year, I thought you'd like to be the first to know that the 2026 Cirencester Rotary Club & Cirencester Civic Society Photography Competition is now **LIVE!!** I've attached a copy of the new flyer showing the theme "**Historical Cirencester in the 21st Century**", and the Closing Date of 26th September. Don't hesitate to email me if you have any questions or need any more information. It's going to be difficult to match the standards of the 2025 entries, but I do hope you'll want to try again this year. Please share the details with your family, friends and work colleagues and anyone who may be interested.*

*With best wishes,
Geoff*

Rotary Club of Cirencester & Cirencester Civic Society

ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



**HISTORICAL
CIRENCESTER
IN THE
21ST CENTURY**

NOW ACCEPTING ENTRIES!!

- ☐ Under 18 and Over 18 categories. Prize for each category
- ☐ Free to enter. Closing date for entries **26th September 2026**
- ☐ Exhibition at the Daniel Bingham Foundation Gallery during Cirencester History Festival
- ☐ For more information or an Entry Form please email:
RotaryPhotoCompCHF@gmail.com
- ☐ Full Terms & Conditions available on request

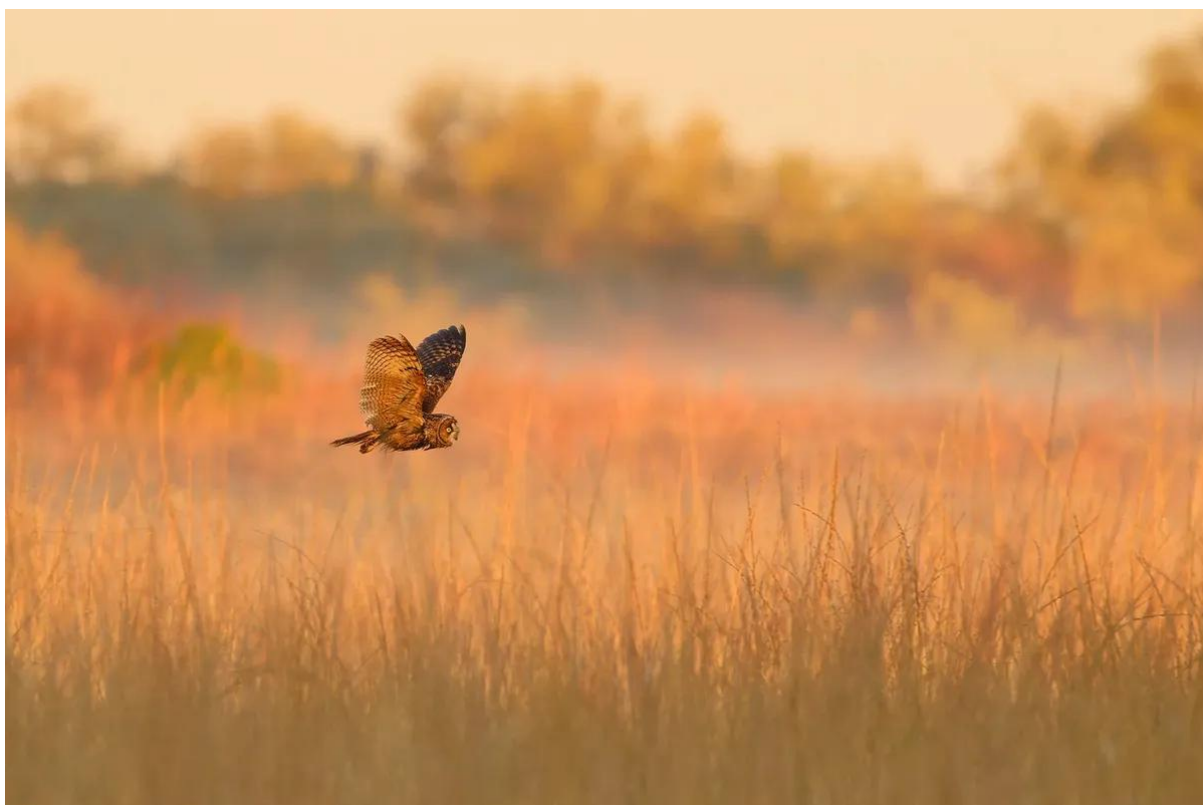





External Competitions and Exhibitions

Audubon Photography Awards

Award-winning teen photographer uses 8-year-old top gear to capture a fleeting wildlife moment of an owl flying through the frame in warm lighting. Catch the story below.



<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/photography/awards-and-competitions/15-year-old-photographer-wins-major-wildlife-award-for-long-eared-owl-image-shot-with-dslr-camera-gear>

The world's biggest photo competition opens

The Sony World Photo Awards are known for being one of the largest photography competitions, attracting close to half a million entrants each year, but also for serving up some lucrative cash sums to winners. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the competition, with the 2027 awards offering £18,600 to the overall Photographer of the Year as well as £3,700 to the Single Image Competition and Sustainability Prize winners. Check out the story [here](#).

<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/photography/awards-and-competitions/the-worlds-biggest-photo-competition-opens-for-entries-with-huge-cash-prizes-up-for-grabs-in-its-20th-year>

Unseen color photos by master photographer Jacques Henri Lartigue

Born in Paris, Jacques Henri Lartigue (1894-1986) is best known for his black-and-white work: elegant, playful images of Belle Époque Paris, motor racing, aviation and the French Riviera set. He moved in a social circle that included Jean Cocteau, Grace Kelly and Pablo Picasso, and he's widely credited as a pioneer of the unposed, spontaneous snapshot. What's far less known is that around a third of his preserved images were shot in color, and the bulk of that work, representing nearly 40% of his 100,000-image archive, has barely been seen until now. A new exhibition reveals decades of hidden color work by the French master that borders on intoxicating. Check out more [here](#):



<https://www.digitalcameraworld.com/photography/galleries-and-exhibitions/these-unseen-color-photos-by-master-photographer-jacques-henri-lartigue-make-the-past-look-like-it-happened-yesterday>

World Oceans Day photography competition

The winning images from the 13th edition of the Photo Competition for United Nations World Oceans Day were recently announced, with the 2026 victors covering themes from underwater botanical gardens to curious deep-sea creatures. Organized by the United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, the competition coincided with the UN's annual World Oceans Day this month, calling on photographers to highlight the "beauty of the ocean" across a range of categories. Check out the website below.



<https://unworldoceansday.org/photo-competition/>

Hasselblad Masters 2026

Young photographer Panitbhand Paribatra Na Ayudhya just won the top honor in the Project//21 category at the Hasselblad Masters 2026 with the underwater series, *Dwellers of the Night*. The rising talent from Thailand, who is just 14 years old, stood out against a field of exceptional entries in one of the world's most prestigious professional photographic competitions, which also offers emerging photographers the opportunity to showcase their talent. Take a look at the excellent website.



<https://www.hasselblad.com/www.hasselblad.com/>

BBC pictures

As usual some great images and backstories from across the globe from the BBC's website:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/w3ct8r3k>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cx2wz34lwe5o>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c36yl59ylxro>
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Quote of the week

Life is like a camera. Just focus on what's important and capture the good times, develop from the negatives and if things don't work out, just take another shot - Unknown.

That's it, have a good week.

Cheers

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Dave (david.cahill@cantab.net)

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Club Competitions 2026

Club Competitions are designed to allow members the opportunity for their best images to be critiqued by a qualified judge from outside the club whilst engaged in friendly competition with other club members. The judge will award the following positions and points.

1 st Place	6 points
2 nd Place	5 points
3 rd Place	4 points
Highly Commended	3 points
Commended	2 points
All other entries	1 point

Points from all externally judged competitions, i.e. the general competitions and annual competitions, throughout the season are totalled prior to the Awards Evening and the member with the most points is awarded the [Presidents Cup](#).

Summer Cup

The Summer Cup is a Member Judged competition held at the start of each season. Members may enter two DPIs taken at any of the Club's Summer Events that year. As this competition is member judged all entries, including those placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd may be entered in any General or Annual Competition.

General Competitions

All General Competitions are externally judged and consist of 2 sections:

1. Digital Projected Image (DPI)
2. Mounted Print

There are 6 competitions throughout the season – 3 x Open and 3 x Set Subject.

Following completion of all six general competitions trophies are awarded at the AGM to the members with the most points in each of the following Categories.

1. Open DPI
2. Open Print
3. Set DPI
4. SET Print

Set subjects, submission and judging dates are available on the Club Website, Vignettes and Pixoroo.

Annual Competitions

There are several Trophy based Annual Competitions, many dedicated to the memory of past Camera Club members. Judging is spread over two evenings towards the end of the season. Members may enter once in each competition with the winner holding the Trophy for one year.

Pitchers Trophy

A subject chosen by the Club President each year – DPI

Pitchers Cup

Open to New members only in their first full season – open DPI

Dennis Moss Trophy

A mounted Print on any subject

Leonard Jones Cup

Open subject DPI

Cavendish Cup

A monochrome mounted Print on any subject

Miles Shield

A DPI taken on a Club outing or Practical Event.

Gladiator Trophy

A DPI with an Aviation Theme

Ted Parrot Trophy

Sporting Action based DPI

Cirencester Camera Club General Competition Schedule 2026/2027			
	Competition	Submission date	Judging night
Summer Cup	DPI – 2026 Summer Club Events	11 th September 2026	21 st September 2026
A	Open DPI & Print	21 st September 2026	5 th October 2026
B	Set DPI & Print – Rule of Thirds	5 th October 2026	2 nd November 2026
C	Open DPI & Print	2 nd November 2026	30 th November 2026
D	Set DPI & Print – Up Close	30 th November 2026	25 th January 2027
E	Open DPI & Print	25 th January 2027	22 nd February 2027
F	Set DPI & Print – Markets	22 nd February 2027	22 nd March 2027
Annual	2026-2027 Annual Competitions	22 nd March 2027	26 th April and 10 th May 2027

Definitions of Set Subjects

“RULE OF THIRDS” – A follow on from Ian Howard’s talk where an image is divided into nine equal sections, and key elements are positioned along the grid lines or their intersections to create balance and visual interest. Think about the classic sand, sea, sky horizontals or the lone tree sitting off centre in the frame.

“UP CLOSE” – A follow on from the Club’s very successful Macro evening where various techniques were demonstrated and tried. This subject can also be about intimacy, detail, and revealing what we usually overlook. It challenges you to move physically closer — or zoom in visually — to transform ordinary subjects into something striking and unexpected.

“MARKETS” – A rich and dynamic photography subject because they combine people, colour, culture, and movement in one place. There are many Market Towns in the Cotswolds to choose from or go further afield with the famous Christmas Markets across the UK and Europe. They all offer endless opportunities to capture everyday life and storytelling through images.

For all Competitions, please upload images by the submission date shown above via Pixoroo link below: -

pixoroo.com/public/account/login

CCC Annual Competition Categories - submission deadline 22nd March 2027		
Award	Subject	Format
Pitchers Trophy (Topic chosen by Club President)	Fresh Air Sculpture Show, Quenington Sunday 14 th June to Sunday 5 th July 2026	DPI, 1600 x 1200, sRGB
Dennis Moss Trophy	Open	Print 1600 x 1200, sRGB
Leonard Jones Cup	Open	DPI, 1600 x 1200, sRGB
Cavendish Cup	Black and white Open	Print 1600 x 1200, sRGB
Miles Shield	Open (Club outing)	DPI, 1600 x 1200, sRGB
Gladiator Trophy	Aviation	DPI, 1600 x 1200, sRGB
Ted Parrot Trophy	Sporting Action	DPI 1600 x 1200 sRGB
Pitchers Cup <u>Open to new members only.</u>	Open	DPI, 1600 x 1200, sRGB